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Subject: Approval Process for Posthumous Valor Award
Recommendations

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A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 Feb 95

B. AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty Program, dated 7 Apr 06

1. The purpose of this message is to promulgate the Secretary of the Army's guidance on award of posthumous valor awards for our fallen Soldiers.
2. Posthumous valor awards must always reflect accurately the actual events and circumstances for which the award is being presented.
3. Effective 18 Apr 06, prior to taking any action on a posthumous valor award recommendation, the award approval authority must review the completed AR 15-6 collateral investigation, to ensure the accuracy of the awards process.
4. The approval authority must indicate in block 26i, DA Form 638, Recommendation for Award, that the completed AR 15-6 investigation was reviewed.
5. Questions pertaining this message should be directed to the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil or at DSN 221-8700 or commercial (703) 325-8700.